



Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

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Refer to: 1630505003 - St. Clair County
Fairmont City/Swift (Estech)

US EPA RECORDS CENTER REGION 5



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February 5, 1992

Michael Neal
Vigoro Industries, Inc.
Box 4139
2007 West Highway 50
Fairview Heights, Illinois 62208

Dear Mr. Neal:

Recently I received a call from the Fairmont City Police Department with regard to actual and anticipated activities at the closed Vigoro facility in Fairmont City. I was informed that recently the large sulfuric acid tank had been cut open and that some activities were occurring with the remaining contents.

On January 31, 1992, I went to the Vigoro facility and did observe that, in fact, the top half of the tank had been cut off and that apparently a neutralization process has been initiated. I was informed that some remaining sulfuric acid had been decanted from the tank and was placed in plastic drums at the tank location. I instructed the caretaker at the site not to discharge any of the material onto the ground or to remove any of the material from the site unless verifiable proof of proper disposal or disposition was provided.

I am requesting that you provide me with a description of the activities that have occurred and those that will be taking place regarding the sulfuric acid tank. Please include your plans for managing the materials encountered and generated during the process.

Also, I am requesting that you keep me advised as to the plans for demolishing the warehouse and the status of your contractual negotiations with Meny Services, Inc.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please advise.

Sincerely,

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Kenneth G. Mensing
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Regional Manager
Division of Land Pollution Control

KGM:lf/0039

cc: LDC - Division 6176
cc: LPL - Collinsville

DATE: January 31, 1992

TIME: 2:21 p.m.

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PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN TOWARD THE:

East

ROLL# 1775 PHOTO# 1

PHOTOGRAPH BY:

Kenneth M. Moring



DATE: January 31, 1992

TIME: 2:24 p.m.

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PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN TOWARD THE:

West

ROLL# 1775 PHOTO# 3

PHOTOGRAPH BY:

Kenneth M. Moring



DATE: January 31, 1992

TIME: 2:23 p.m.

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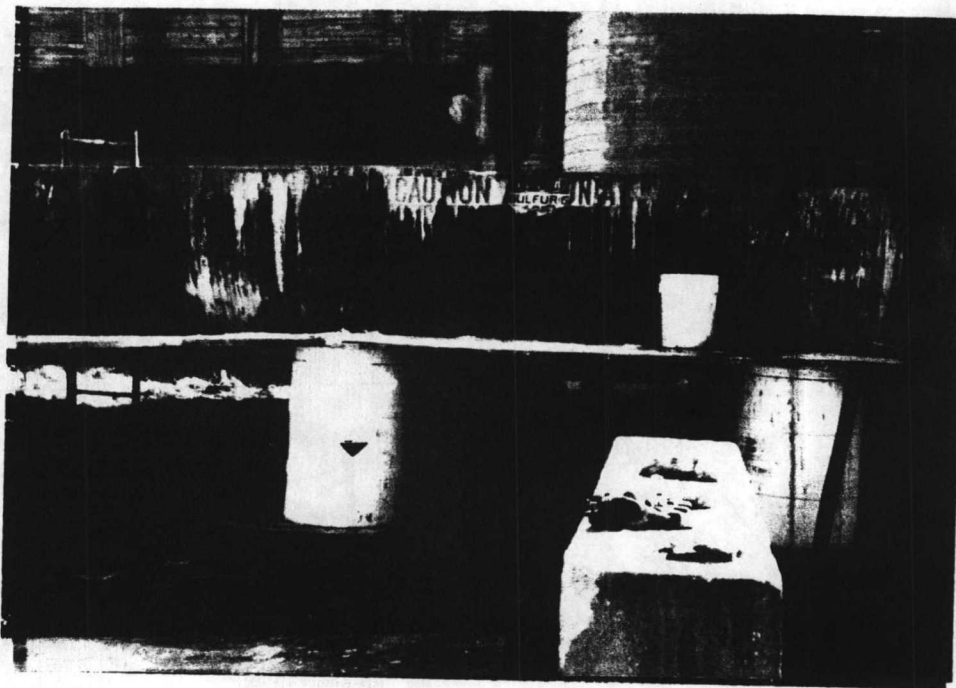
PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN TOWARD THE:

South

ROLL# 1775 PHOTO# 2

PHOTOGRAPH BY:

Kenneth H. Menzies



DATE: January 31, 1992

TIME: 2:25 p.m.

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PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN TOWARD THE:

Northeast

ROLL# 1775 PHOTO# 4

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